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SUBJ: INCIDENT IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA

REFS: A) STATE 58322 (NOTAL) B) YAOUNDE 898 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. EQUATORIAL GUINEA DECLARED AMBASSADOR SPIRO AND CONSUL MITHOEFER PERSONAE NON GRATAE BY COMMERCIAL CABLE TO DEPARTMENT MARCH 10. THIS FOLLOWED FIVE-DAY VISIT BY AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL TO BATA, RIO MUNI PROVINCE, AT END OF WHICH THEY WERE HANDED DIATRIBE "PERSONAL" NOTE BY THEIR OFFICIAL ESCORT, ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN PRESIDENCY, SANTIAGO NSOBIYA NCHAMA, IN WHICH HE ACCUSED AMBASSADOR OF BEING CIA SPY AND ASSASSIN, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER OF BEING CRIMINAL AND ASSASSIN. DURING STAY IN BATA, AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL HAD FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH SPANISH AND FRENCH DIPLOMATS AND FRENCH MANAGERS OF EXPATRIATE COMPANIES, WHO SHOULD BE WARNED OF POSSIBLE FALL-OUT OF AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR MADRID. WE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH SPANISH CHARGE, CARLOS CUROGEDO, AND CONSUL RESIDENT IN BATA, PILAR RUIZ ZOAZU, WHO WERE, AS USUAL, MOST HOSPITABLE IN AMBIENTE WHICH OTHERWISE LACKS EVEN BASIC NECESSITIES. SPANISH CONSULATE IS ONE BLOCK

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FROM HOTEL, AND WE NOT ONLY HAD ONE LUNCH AND ONE DINNER THERE,

BUT ALSO USED STA. RUIZ' REFRIGERATOR TO KEEP OUR BEVERAGES AT AN ACCEPTABLE TEMPERATURE. BATA IS A VERY SMALL TOWN AND, THOUGH WE DID NOT NOTICE BEING FOLLOWED, AUTHORITIES WOULD KNOW OF OUR CLOSE CONTACTS. SPANISH COLONIALISM, FINAL VICTORY OVER WHICH WAS BEING CELEBRATED IN MARCH 5 HOLIDAY, IS PENULTIMATE WHIPPING BOY OF PRESIDENT MACIAS-US IMPERIALISM MAY BECOME ULTIMATE WHIPPING BOY NOW. RHYTHMIC SHOUTS OF "ABAJO EL COLONIALISMO ESPANOL" PUNCTUATED MACIAS' SPEECH AND PARADE. LAST SPANISH AMBASSADOR WAS PNG'D IN 1975, ONE OF SEVERAL IN HONORABLE TRADITION, INCLUDING CURRENT SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO CAMEROON, JUACHIM CASTILLO MORENO, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN MADRID AND VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT EG. EMBASSY MADRID MAY WANT TO INFORM SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OF OUR PNG'ING, SO THAT IT CAN WARN SPANISH OFFICIALS OF POSSIBLE FALL OUT.

3. FOR PARIS. AT SPANISH LUNCHEON ON MARCH 5, FRENCH CHARGE, JEAN MARIE LANDEMARD ALSO ATTENDED, AS HE IS CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF SPANISH CHARGE. WE SPENT EVEN MORE TIME WITH ALAIN PERDRAS, LOCAL MANAGER OF DRAGAGE, FRENCH COMPANY WHICH HAS ALMOST COMPLETED BUILDING OF BATA PORT FOR GOEG. MITHOEFER AND I HAD DINNER AT HIS HOUSE BEFORE OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY MACIAS AT PALACE OF AFRICAN PEOPLES, ALSO BUILT BY DRAGAGE. ON MARCH 6, PERDRAS TOOK US ON GUIDED TOUR OF PORT FACILITIES, WHERE CHINESE FREIGHTER WAS ABOUT TO UNLOAD GOODS. PORT VISIT TOOK PLACE WITH KNOWLEDGE, APPROVAL, AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF EG PROTOCOL, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT IN COMPANY OF ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SANTIAGO. PORT IS NOT TREATED AS RESTRICTED AREA. DRAGAGE COMPANY AND PERDRAS PERSONALLY HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MACIAS.

4. FOR PARIS. ON MORNING OF MARCH 6, MITHOEFER CALLED ON PATRICK SCHWARTZ, FRENCH MANAGER OF CIE. FORESTAL DE RIO MUNI, FRENCH-SWISS FIRM ENGAGED IN LUMBER EXPLOITATION AND PRODUCE EXPORTS FROM EG, TO ARRANGE VISIT TO FORESTAL'S LUMBER CAMP IN INTERIOR. SCHWARTZ, LIKE PERDRAS AN IMPRESSIVE 32-YEAR OLD MANAGERIAL TYPE, IS SAID TO BE THE EXPATRIATE CLOSEST TO MACIAS. HE SUGGESTED TO MITHOEFER THAT WE DRIVE THE SIX HOURS TO LUMBER CAMP ON MARCH 7, OVERNIGHT HERE, AND THEN DRIVE ON TO PRESIDENT'S HOMETOWN OF MONGOMO ON MARCH 8, TO RETURN TO YAOUNDE FROM THERE. SCHWARTZ RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO MACIAS LATER ON MORNING OF MARCH 6, WHEN HE HAD AUDIENCE. MACIAS SUGGESTED THAT WE FLY TO LUMBER

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CAMP AND BACK ON MARCH 7, IN ORDER TO AVOID FATIGUE OF ROAD TRAVEL AND ALSO BECAUSE HE COULD NOT NOTIFY VILLAGES ALONG WAY FOR PROPER WELCOMING CEREMONIES. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO US IN LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6 BY SANTIAGO, WHO ACCOMPANIED US ON PLANE TRIP WITH SCHWARTZ AND COMPANY PILOT ON MARCH 7. AT LUMBER CAMP, WE WERE SHOWN AROUND AND TREATED TO LUNCHEON BY LUMBER MANAGER AND HIS WIFE, FRENCH EXPATRIATES WITH PREVIOUS SERVICE IN IVORYNDOAST. ONE INCIDENT OF WHICH SANTIAGO COMPALINED

IN CRUDE PERSONAL NOTE HE HANDED ME ON OUR DEPARTURE AT EG-CAM-  
EROON BORDER, WAS MY OBSERVATION DURING LNCH THAT CHINA PLATES  
OFF WHICH WE WERE EATING WERE "MADE IN CHINA" AND FRENCH HOSTESS'  
REMARK THAT SHE HAD BOUGHT CHINA IN IVORY COAST. SANTIAGO  
CLAIMED THAT I HAD THEREFORE CALLED EG COMMUNIST, WHICH I HAD  
NOT, AND THAT I WAS SUGGESTING EG WAS NOT PAYING FOR ANYTHING  
ITSELF, WHEN IN FACT, ACCORDING TO HIM, EG WAS PAYING FOR ALL  
FOREIGN OPERATIONS IN NATIONAL MONEY. ACTUALLY, CIE. FORESTAL  
HAS EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN ITS OPERATIONS, WHILE  
DRAGAGE BUILDINGS WERE APPARENTLY PAID FOR BY GOEG. IN ANY CASE,  
MUCH OF SANTIAGO'S DOCUMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED BEFORE OUR AR-  
RIVAL IN EG ON MARCH 4, AND ALL OF ITS CHARGES ARE CONCOCTED,  
MANY OF THEM EXPLICABLE ONLY ON BASIS OF SCHIZOID-PARANOID  
POSTCOLONIAL MENTALITY OF MACIAS AND HIS LIEUTENANTS. PERDRAS  
AND SCHWARTZ COULD NOW BE EXPOSED TO MACIAS' RAGE AS ONLY OB-  
JECTS WHICH GEOG CAN REACH DIRECTLY. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY INFORM  
QUAI TO WARN THESE FRENCH CITIZENS AND CHARGE OF POSSIBLE FALL  
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